

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2007-243-WS - ORDER NO. 2013-553

AUGUST 13, 2013

IN RE: Application of Harbor Island Utilities,)	ORDER APPROVING
Incorporated for Approval of a New)	PASS-THROUGH RATES
Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and)	AFTER NOTICE TO
Sewer Service Provided to Residential and)	CUSTOMERS
Commercial Customers in Harbor Island,)	
Beaufort County)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Harbor Island Utilities, Inc. (“Harbor Island” or the “Company”) to pass two water charge increases from its supplier, the Fripp Island Public Service District (“Fripp Island”), through to its customers. Fripp Island has advised Harbor Island that, effective July 1, 2013, water cost will increase by \$0.01 per thousand gallons, and wastewater effluent disposal cost will increase by \$0.01 per thousand gallons, raising the water commodity rate from \$4.39 per 1000 gallons to \$4.40 per 1000 gallons. The Company states that an average water user and/or sewer customer will see an increase of \$0.09 per month per service for a combined increase of \$0.18 per month.¹

Under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-240 (G), the Commission may allow rates or tariffs to be put into effect without a hearing upon Order of the Commission when such rates or tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return. Clearly, this rate increase request does not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return of the Company. The Company is merely

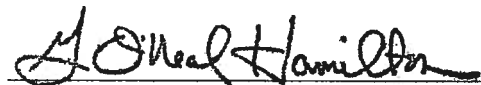
¹ Sewer customers will experience an increase from \$37.09 per month to \$37.18 per month.

proposing to pass through to its retail customers an increase in the wholesale rate for water and wastewater effluent disposal that it is being charged by its water wholesaler, Fripp Island. Accordingly, we find that we can approve the proposed increase without a hearing.

Because Harbor Island is merely passing through, without markup, an increase in its wholesale rate, we hereby approve the request as filed. However, prior to implementing this pass-through, Harbor Island shall provide 30 days' notice to its customers, as stated in its request. The Company must provide the Commission with documentation that this notice to the customers was completed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikiya Hall, Vice Chairman

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